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No. 324-PA/59.—Government of India deeply regret to record the sudden death of Shri John A. Thivy, Ambassador of India to the Netherlands.

2. Shri Thivy was born in 1904 and educated at Madras and London. For sometime he practised law in Malaya. During World War II he was Minister of State and Secretary to the Provisional Azad Hind Government set up by the late Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. He was President of the India Independence League, South East Asia. He inaugurated the Malayan Indian Congress of which he was the President. In 1947 he was appointed Representative of the Government of India in Malaya. In 1950, he was appointed Commissioner for the Government of India in Mauritius. In 1953, he became Minister of India to Syria. From May 1955 to September 1957 he was Ambassador of India to Italy being concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Greece, and Minister to Albania. In December 1957 he was appointed Ambassador of India to the Netherlands.

3. Shri Thivy won the esteem and admiration of all those with whom he came into contact by his sense of public service and conscientious and sincere devotion to his duty. By his death the Government of India have suffered the loss of a distinguished public servant.

S. DUTT,

Foreign Secretary.

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